

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of sharpening bedknives adapted to be installed in a reel blade mower by means of a bedknife pivot [mounted] mount at each end, comprising the steps of:

mounting a spaced set of horizontal locator surfaces on a [fixed] support rail in a bedknife grinder;

positioning each bedknife to be sharpened against said horizontal locator surfaces, with the bottom of said bedknife against said horizontal locator surfaces;

energizing an electromagnet associated with each locator surface set to hold the bedknife against the surfaces, and thereafter operating the bedknife grinder by traversing a [the] grinding wheel included in said bedknife grinder along the bedknife so as to sharpen the bedknife as it is held in against said locator surfaces.

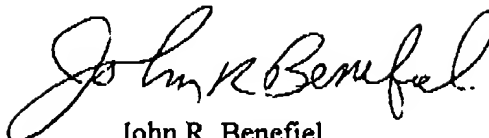
2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 further including the step of aligning the bedknife pivot mounts to a reel blade installed in said reel mower by adjusting the pivot mount positions in the reel mower.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 further including the step of aligning each bedknife on said locator horizontal surfaces by positioning an edge of said bedknife against vertical locator surfaces prior to energizing each electromagnet.

Respectfully submitted,

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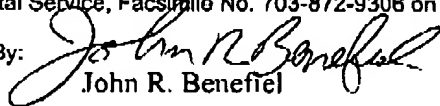
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